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**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 21, 2008**

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, was held at the Town Hall, Meeting Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut, on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To consider a resolution,
 - (a) to appropriate, upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, \$2,000,000 for costs related to the acquisition by the Town of one or more parcels of land, or of easements or other interests or rights related thereto, for municipal purposes and open space, including without limitation use as a school site; provided that no portion of the appropriation shall be expended for the acquisition of a particular parcel of land, or of easements or other interests or rights related thereto, other than for costs preliminary to such acquisition, until; (1) such acquisition has been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, and (2) upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, such acquisition has been approved by the Town Meeting or referendum. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, costs preliminary thereto including without limitation survey fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its financing;
 - (b) to authorize the issue of bonds, notes and other obligations of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, and to provide that the amount of bonds, notes and other obligations authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants are not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs; to authorize the issue of temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in anticipation of such bonds, notes or other obligations and the receipt of such grants; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities,

redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or other obligations and temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or other obligations and temporary notes;

- (c) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize a majority of the First Selectman and the Finance Officer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes, or other obligations and temporary notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;
- (d) to authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds; notes or other obligations and temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or other obligations and temporary notes;
- (e) to authorize the First Selectman to apply for and accept federal and State grants to help finance the appropriation for the project; to authorize the First Selectman, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept State loans to finance the project, and to enter into any loan agreement prescribed by the State; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Finance Officer and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take any other actions necessary to obtain such grants or loans, or to implement such grant or loan agreements; and
- (f) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Finance Officer and other proper officers and officials of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or other obligations and temporary notes and obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

2. Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and Section 606 of the Town Charter, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the resolution to be presented under item #1 of this Notice to vote upon voting machines or paper ballots, which vote shall be held Tuesday, November 4, 2008, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by the Town Charter and said General Statutes, including the procedures set out in Section 9-369d(b)(2) of said General Statutes. Electors will vote on the voting machines at their respective polling places, as follows:

District 1: Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street in Ellington

District 2: Crystal Lake School, 284 Sandy Beach Road in Ellington

Persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors will vote on paper ballots at the following polling place; Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street in Ellington.

The aforesaid resolution will be placed on the voting machines or on paper ballots under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE \$2,000,000 FOR ACQUISITION BY THE TOWN OF ONE OR MORE PARCELS OF LAND, OR OF EASEMENTS OR OTHER INTERESTS OR RIGHTS RELATED THERETO, FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND OPEN SPACE, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT DEFRAID BY GRANTS?"

Voters approving the resolution will vote "yes" and those opposing the resolution will vote "no". Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office. Absentee ballots will be counted at the following locations: For electors, absentee ballots will be counted at their respective polling places as stated above. For non-electors voters, absentee ballots will be counted in the Registrar's Office at Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street in Ellington.

First Selectman Michael P. Stupinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for nominations of a moderator.

MOVED Rick Neal SECOND Bernadette Neal to nominate **James Prichard** as moderator. All in favor. Motion carried.

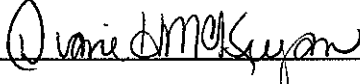
The Moderator read the warning for the meeting as it was published and posted.

MOVED Michael Stupinski SECOND Bernadette Neal to waive the full reading of the text as it is available to all those in attendance. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOVED Michael Stupinski SECOND Joe Wehr to approve item #1 as warned. All in favor. Motion carried.

Questions were asked regarding the appropriation for purchase of land for municipal purposes and open space. Mr. Stupinski explained that the funds cannot be used for anything other than land purchases. Each proposal must be reviewed by Planning and Zoning first. Each proposal must be then presented to the Board of Selectmen. Each purchase would be voted on separately by the electors of the Town either by town meeting or referendum. Several parcels could be considered.

MOVED Michael Stupinski SECOND Joe Wehr to adjourn the Town Meeting to a referendum as stated in item #2. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:  Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk